

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Pantoliano *et al.*

Appl. No. (To be assigned)

Filed: (Herewith, as a Continuation of  
09/459,996)

For: **Miroplate Thermal Shift Assay  
Apparatus for Ligand  
Development and Multi-Variable  
Protein Chemistry Optimization**

Art Unit: (To be assigned)

Examiner: (To be assigned)

Atty. Docket: 1503.011000E

**Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments into the above-identified application prior to  
the examination thereof.

***Amendments***

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 2-53 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter  
recited therein.

***Remarks***

Entry of the foregoing amendment into the above identified Application, prior to  
examination thereof, is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, independent claim 1 is pending in the  
application. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is  
respectfully requested.

The amendments made herein introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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